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Subject: SYRIAN AND LEBANESE AHC MEMBERS
Leave for Palestine
Conference in Egypt.

Date of Information: Current

Place Acquired: Damascus, Syria

Date Acquired: 12 May, 1952

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Source: []

1. Haydar al-HUSAYNI, nephew of the Mufti, arrived in Damascus early in May, 1952, with instructions to send a Syrian and Lebanese AHC delegation for a conference which is to be held in Cairo shortly. Some of the ex-mayors in Palestine, presently residing in Syria, have also been invited to attend this conference.
2. The Mufti will preside over these sessions and discussions will be held to determine ways and means of setting up a new Palestine State in Gaza. The Mufti hopes that the Egyptian government can be persuaded to reach an understanding with the Mufti. (Field Comment: It seems extremely unlikely that the Egyptian government would be willing to discuss such a topic with the Mufti).
3. Source understands that Haydar al-HUSAYNI has instructions to proceed to Beirut with the same mission as the one he had in Damascus.
4. Haydar al-HUSAYNI brought letters with him from the Egyptian Foreign Office, with instructions to their consulates in Damascus and Beirut for the issuance of visas to members of the AHC wishing to proceed to Cairo.**
5. The AHC Delegation will be made up of the following, and possibly some others whose identities are not known to source:

Emile ~~GHURI~~
Rafik al-TAMIMI
Mu'in al-BADY
Ali Kida el-KAHAWI*
Mahmud Alam-al-DIN*
Muhammad Said KATALI*
Subhi al-LADRA*
Adoula SAMARA*

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Some of the delegates have already left for Egypt, while the remainder are to leave by 15 May, 1952.

*We have no traces on these persons in our files.

**The Egyptian government is not giving visas to Palestinians unless a special clearance is first obtained from the Egyptian Foreign Office. Source states that these restrictions were enforced by the Egyptians following the disorders of 26 January, 1952.

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